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TO THE BRITISH MINISTER J. MSS. (GEORGE HAMMOND)

Philadelphia, Dec. 12, 1791.

Sir, —I take the liberty of enclosing you an extract of a letter from a respectable character, giving information of a Mr. Bowles¹ lately come from England into the Creek country, endeavouring to excite that nation of Indians to war against the United States and pretending to be employed by the government of England. We have other testimony of these pretensions, & that he carries them much farther than there stated. We have too much confidence in the justice & wisdom of the British government to believe they can approve of the proceedings of this incendiary & impostor, or countenance for a moment a person who takes the liberty of using their name for such a purpose; and I make the communication merely that you may take that notice of the case which in your opinion shall be proper.

¹ A Maryland Loyalist who later styled himself a chief of the Creek Indians. See Ford's *Writings of Washington*, XII, 159, and *Maryland Loyalist*, 33.